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Glenn Hults charged in Richmond Hill explosion case

Hults charged with Conspiracy to Commit Arson for role in plan

(Indianapolis, Ind.) Marion County Prosecutor Terry Curry announced today that Glenn Hults has been charged with Conspiracy to Commit Arson in connection with the November 10, 2012, explosion in the southside Richmond Hill neighborhood. Mark Leonard, Monserrate Shirley, Bob Leonard, Jr., and Gary Thompson also face charges related to the explosion. The incident at Shirley's residence ignited an explosion and resulting fire at the next door home of John D. and Jennifer Longworth, causing their deaths. Numerous nearby homes were also damaged in the explosion.

According to the probable cause affidavit, Monserrate Shirley stated that Mark Leonard told Glenn Hults on July 4, 2012, of plans to have a fire in her house and claim damage for insurance money. Further, it is alleged that Glenn Hults agreed to keep Shirley's daughter overnight at his house on the weekend of October 27, 2012, with knowledge of Mark Leonard's plans to burn down Shirley's house on that weekend.

At the time of the explosion on November 10, 2012, it has been alleged that Monserrate Shirley and Mark Leonard were at the Hollywood Casino, while Shirley's daughter stayed at Hults's house with his family. Shirley's daughter had also stayed with Glenn Hults and his then-girlfriend, now wife, during the previous two weekends, including on October 27, when it is alleged that failed attempts to set the house on fire occurred.

Shirley also states that she spoke several times with Hults about securing her pictures for safe keeping, and that Hults told Shirley, "You're crazy, Bob Leonard is crazy, they are going to blow up the whole neighborhood."

An initial hearing will be scheduled in Criminal Court 3.

A charge of a crime is merely an accusation, and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.